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Baseball coach Terry Rooney won't back down from anyone — SEE SPORTS, A6



Quiet on the set

UCF station is all about Knights, camera, action.

— SEE NEWS, A2



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On Thursday:

State of the Union watch party

by George Regojo

Students gather at Brooklyn Pizza to watch and reflect on President Obama's first State of the Union speech Wednesday.

SGA Senate live blog

by Ashley Carnifax and Jeffrey Riley

Find out what your elected officials are funding this week by following our live blog and Twitter updates during Thursday's meeting.

On Friday:

Darfur: Seven Years of Genocide

by Megan Anderson

A Darfur native and a documentarian visit UCF Thursday to discuss what can be done to help the country.

On Saturday:

'Can we all just get along?'

by Natalie Richards

SGA sponsors an event Friday which includes a discussion of the artificial caste system in the United States.



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AROUND CAMPUS, A2

GO AND GRAB AN INTERNSHIP AT THE SPRING FAIR

The Spring Internship Fair provides the opportunity for employers to discuss internship opportunities with UCF students. The event is today from 9 a.m. until noon and is hosted by Carrer Services.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

PRISONER TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER CRUISER HIT BY CAR

A prisoner being taken to the Orange County Jail in a deputy's cruiser is being treated at a hospital after a car crash. Authorities say another car crashed into the car Wednesday.

TWO BOYS STEAL FIRETRUCK TO ESCAPE JUVENILE PROGRAM

Two 17-year-olds fled from a juvenile diversion program at a Florida Keys campground in a stolen firetruck. The teens have been arrested and charged with grand theft auto.

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Book rentals add new option

Renting cuts costs on select books

KIM SHELPMAN
Staff Writer

Rebecca Marques said she hates buying books at the beginning of every semester because sometimes she barely even cracks them open.

"I've spent more than a hundred dollars on textbooks that I don't even end up using, and most of the time, when I go to



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return them, I'm only offered a few dollars," said Marques, a senior political science major.

In order to save money this semester she decided to try renting her textbooks instead.

"I rented a few text-

books from CB&S," Marques said. "I'm glad they are offering that now. I only spent \$120 total on all my books, and usually I have to spend much more than that."

CB&S started to rent textbooks this semester. Students sign a rental agreement and

PLEASE SEE **STUDENTS** ON A5



STEVEN BARNHART / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
CB&S began renting textbooks this semester.

Uncover Thursdays

Man in the mirror

It's hard out here for a Knight. Producer Kenneth "KP" Peters and his RedDred Records production company have caught the eye of a few: most notably, T-Pain.

— SEE VARIETY, A9



Plus:

As A Hero's Fate would have it ...

Drummer Matt Ouellette, UCF creative writing major, is set to tour with A Hero's Fate along the east coast, starting next month.



The Grammys: taking the mainstream by storm

Columnist Jennifer Ross takes a look at the Grammy noms list and notices it's similar to a playlist for *Now That's What I Call Music*.

Global student numbers increase

Center expecting continued growth

GEORGE REGOJO
Contributing Writer

People from all over the world have come together to make UCF the diverse campus that it is.

According to Monica Minchala, an associate director for the International Services Center, there are 1,651 international students enrolled at UCF for the 2009-10 school year.

According to Minchala, the rate of international student enrollment has increased by 2 percent from fall 2008 to fall 2009.

"There are scouts who travel to different countries to open doors for many international students, so we may see an increase in international student enrollment in the future," Minchala said.

The International Student Asso-

PLEASE SEE **CUSTOMS** ON A5



GEORGE OEHLE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
The Barbara Ying Center is the information hub for international students at UCF.

Regulars tired of waiting for weights

Students buy other gym memberships

JORDAN SNYDER
Contributing Writer

With the new year can come new pounds, thanks to the excess eating and drinking that goes hand in hand with the holidays.

Students make resolutions to reverse expanding waistlines and hit the gym to get back in shape.

"Typically the first couple weeks [of the spring semester] are really packed with a bunch of people with their resolutions," said Chris Young, a junior marketing major. "After about three weeks, it gets back down to normal, and then we don't have



EMRE KELLY / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

The expansion of the Recreation and Wellness Center should help alleviate overcrowding, according to Kimberly Halliday, a fitness coordinator.

any problems getting on a machine."

With limited space on the weight floor, the influx of new students getting acclimated to the gym can not only be annoying to regulars, but also detrimental to their workout.

"It almost ruins your workout," said Stephen Purkey, a junior accounting major. "In the time it takes in between sets, your muscles are having extra time to recover and you really don't want

PLEASE SEE **GYM** ON A4

Knights sharpen blades for glory

GEORGE REGOJO
Contributing Writer

Ice? Check. Skates? Check. Checks? Check.

For the Ice Hockey Club at UCF, all the time spent in practice and on the rink is paying off with another trip to the American College Hockey Association Division III National Tournament.

On Friday and Saturday, the UCF squad split a two-game series with Florida Gulf Coast University to clinch its spot at nationals, which FGCU will host March 10-13 at the German Arena in Estero.

There are 136 teams in the ACHA Division III, and 47 of those are in the South Region with the

Knights.

They are 19-7-0-1 and have 39 points, tied for third-most in the South Region with Loyola University Maryland behind Arkansas (40) and FGCU (47).

But the Knights are No. 2 in the ACHA rankings — behind No. 1-ranked FGCU — and are poised to make their fifth consecutive appearance in the national tournament.

"Throughout the years these Knights have consistently kept it in the win column since 1998, making them one of the strongest hockey programs in the state," goalie Russell Pittman said.

PLEASE SEE **CLUB** ON A4

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Go and grab an internship

The Spring Internship Fair provides the opportunity for employers to discuss internship opportunities with UCF students and alumni.

The event is today from 9 a.m. until noon and is hosted by Career Services. It takes place in the Cape Florida Ballroom of the Student Union.

Professional attire is required, including a suit for men and a skirt or pant suit for women.

Call 407-823-2361 for more information.

Darfur discussed at UCF

Bushara Dosa, a Darfuri native and president of the Darfur People's Association of New York, along with documentarian Robert Simental, will be speaking at "Darfur: Seven Years of Genocide."

The event is today at 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Nicholson School of Communication, Room 101.

Call 941-400-3483 for more information.

Donate to Haitian refugees

UCF United for Haiti Service Day at Harvest Time International will be Saturday at 8 a.m. at Brooklyn Pizza.

All donations will go to victims in Sanford.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Prisoner taken to hospital after transfer cruiser is hit

ORLANDO — A prisoner being taken to the Orange County Jail in a deputy's cruiser is being treated at a hospital after a car crash.

Authorities say another car crashed into the deputy's cruiser Wednesday morning. The prisoner was taken to Orlando Regional Medical Center.

The deputy was not injured in the crash.

Florida Highway Patrol troopers are investigating the crash and have not released details.

Two boys steal firetruck to escape from juvenile program

WEST SUMMERLAND KEY — Two 17-year-olds fled from a juvenile diversion program at a Florida Keys campground in a stolen firetruck.

The teens have been arrested and charged with grand theft auto.

Authorities say a Camp Sawyer counselor called the Monroe County sheriff's office Monday morning to report that the teens were missing from the site on West Summerland Key.

The boys, who were only wearing underwear, were caught 90 miles away.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORRECTION

In the January 25 issue of the *Central Florida Future*, in the article titled "Teams construct shacks to build homes," the winner of the overall Shack-a-Thon event was Alpha Xi Delta. F.L. McMurtrey Inc., won the award for best shack.

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Lights, camera ...



Katie Ball and Nick Sarasty discuss their work on set at the UCF TV studio, which is located in Research Park. UCF TV features syndicated and original programs.

UCF TV offers a taste of the University over the air

KEVIN HERNANDEZ
Contributing Writer

Chelsea Johnson said that concerts on UCF TV are the only shows on the station that appeal to her.

"I like watching the jazz band play, but other than that it's kind of boring," said Johnson, a freshman music major.

The content of UCF TV is a combination of PBS shows and UCF community content that is broadcast 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

UCF TV's original programming includes *Global Perspectives*, which features scholars discussing global issues and *Zenith*, which highlights UCF's advances in science, research and technology.

There is also arts programming, such as *Short Flix*, which features short films by students in the UCF Film department.

Concerts by the UCF jazz ensemble are also broadcast.

"I've glanced at [UCF TV], usually because I've stumbled upon it flipping through the channels," said Maggie Perez, a junior communication sciences and disorders major. "Nothing really catches my interest."

According to Bill Dotson, the broadcast coordinator for UCF TV, the station does not subscribe to ratings because they are too expensive. A subscription would require a three-year contract that costs \$1 million a year.

"We've done surveys through campus, and the surveys give us trends as to what people enjoy watching on UCF TV," Dotson

said.

According to Dotson, the art and theater programs are likely the most watched. He attributes this to written responses the station has received about programming.

Dotson also said that UCF TV is doing things other stations have not done before, such as having Broadway actors speak about their experiences on stage.

Despite a lack of interest from some students, UCF TV is working to expand its viewership.

According to Grant Heston, the assistant vice president of UCF News & Information, UCF TV plans to partner with the Nicholson School of Communication and other areas both inside and out of the UCF community.

"We are trying to produce high-quality content that UCF students are going to be interested in participating in, creating and interested in viewing," Heston said.

UCF TV has also recently completed its new Vyvx studio. The studio allows faculty, students and

community members to be broadcast live to anywhere in the world.

Heston said that the Vyvx studio can broadcast a professor in Orlando to a press conference in Japan in real time, as if the professor were actually there.

The station is run by a small staff. There are seven full-time employees, two of whom graduated from UCF.

The station also offers internships to students to gain experience in production, programming, camera work, audio work and on-air talent.

"We are looking for people with a passion to produce high-quality television," Heston said. "We need the creative help, floor help and ideas for shows. We try to broadcast a wide variety of programs that will appeal to different people."

An upcoming research program will feature Dr. Henry Daniell of the Micro & Molecular Biology department. Daniell's research seeks to use plant DNA to produce inexpensive vaccines for a number of diseases.

UCF TV has been broadcast on Bright House Networks for about two years. The station can be found on Bright House Networks channel 1 and Central Florida on Demand on channel 300 of Bright House Networks.



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SUNNY
High: 72°
Low: 52°

TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Zero percent chance of rain. Northeast wind around 7 mph. Fire weather warning.
Tonight: Clear into the evening. East northeast wind around 6 mph.



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High: 75°
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Saturday
THUNDER STORMS
High: 72°
Low: 50°

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Writer's influence still alive 50 years later

CHELSEA ST. JOHN
Contributing Writer

Fifty years after her death, Zora Neale Hurston still teaches students about other cultures through her writings, said Anna Lillios, an associate English professor, in a panel discussion held on Tuesday to celebrate the famed writer's life and legacy.

Lillios is the co-editor of the Zora Neale Hurston Electronic Archive, which provides students with extensive research on Hurston's works.

She said Hurston, who grew up in Eatonville, was interested in the symbol of multiculturalism and brought people and ideas together.

"I think it is interesting that her last recorded word was courage," Lillios said.

Other panel members included Rebekah McCloud, the director of the Upward Bound Program at UCF, and Antoinette Jackson, an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of South Florida.

The event was part of the Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts and Humanities that takes place each year during the last week in January in Eatonville and throughout Orange County.

Some of the audience members, who are Eatonville citizens, knew Hurston personally.

Since her death, Hurston's work as an anthropologist, folklorist and novelist has become known throughout the world.

The experts agreed that her influence is still very much alive.

"The electronic archive of Hurston's work

lists all of her writings as well as her criticisms that can be applied for student use," Lillios said.

Hurston was not only one of the most significant authors of African-American culture, but also an influential anthropologist.

"Hurston's fascination with the spiritual experience of black people was a continued source of study for her," McCloud said. "She studied churches in Florida and South Carolina and voodoo in Haiti and New Orleans."

Students at the event said that they attended for extra credit, but they were surprised by the amount they learned about the author.

"I came here to get extra credit for one of my classes, but I am enlightened by Hurston's strength as a woman and as a writer," Sarah Knight, 20, an accounting major, said.

Antoinette Jackson expanded on Hurston's views and theories as an anthropologist.

"Hurston's approach has a discipline about it that you can use to study for your own work," Jackson said. "She was into her work. She was part of the material, and she never made excuses for it."

Hurston's talent, discipline and perseverance have made a global impression on various cultures and communities all over the world, including Russia.

Hurston's literary works are not translated into Russian because of the folk language barrier, said Irina Morozova, an assistant professor of comparative studies at the Russian State University for the Humanities in



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English professor Anna Lillios, top, and Rebekah McCloud, above, director of Upward Bound, speak to audience members in the library about Zora Neale Hurston's life.

Moscow.

Russian scholars have been researching the sim-

ilarities between Russian and African-American women writers, Morozo-

va said.

"At first glance we are drastically different, but

in all actuality we are very similar," said Morozova, a UCF alumna.



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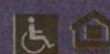


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Club ready for tourney

FROM A1

That success comes not from luck, but from hard work.

The Knights practice two times a week and play between 35 and 40 games from September to March, which attract 100-500 fans per game.

The club practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 p.m. and home games are usually Friday and Saturday at 10:15 p.m., all at the RDV Sportsplex about 45 minutes from UCF.

Practice and games are scheduled at a time each week that would not intrude upon classes. Players are given documentation to provide to their professors at the beginning of each semester to allow them time off for events that require extended travel.

There are teams the Knights play every year due to proximity — Embry-Riddle, South Florida, FGCU, Florida Atlantic — and then trips are scheduled on top of that to give them a chance to see how they measure up to other programs around the country.

This year, the club has traveled to several schools throughout the U.S., including the University of Tennessee, SUNY-Albany and Iowa State University.

With the playoffs approaching, the Knights have just weeks to regroup and try new tactics for another possible showdown against FGCU.

Instead of eight games the Knights would have to play at regionals, they managed to keep their No. 2 seed, which has allowed them to have the advantage of only playing four games at nationals due to their record.

"We're going to have to try off-the-ice workouts and plenty of cardio, jog-



ICE HOCKEY

Making the save

A goalie needs quick reaction time and mental toughness to stop a fast-moving puck.



gers, sprints to pull off wins in the playoffs," senior Mario Munoz said. "Being disciplined and avoiding penalties is what is going to make or break our chances at nationals."

Making those adjustments and working out the kinks will come in the form of two more two-game series: games against USF on Friday and Saturday and games against Embry-Riddle on Feb. 5-6.

With its winning record and so much support from fans, could the team go varsity?

"I would imagine that

the athletic department would say that it would have something to do with Title IX, but in actuality they could make the hockey club a varsity sport without having to provide any scholarships at all," Pittman said.

"The main reason the AD has not added hockey is because they would then be responsible for sharing facilities with a new team, and also would be asked to contribute to a small portion of the team's yearly budget as the Sport Club Council does now," he said.



EMRE KELLY / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

The weight and cardio floors in the Recreation and Wellness Center will be expanded by the spring semester of 2011.

Gym concerns addressed

FROM A1

them to recover. You want to build muscle and get a good workout."

Purkey also said that with the additional waiting time to get on machines, he and his friends can spend more than three hours at the gym, compared to their usual 2 1/2-hour regiment.

Although some students accept having to spend more time in the gym as a part of life, others have been cutting their workouts short.

Brandon Frink, a senior radio/television production major, said there is a wait for every machine, so while he is trying to keep his momentum and go from machine to machine, running into a line for dumbbells has caused him to start running for the door.

Justin Reid, a senior business management major, said that most of

his friends have stopped going to the Recreation and Wellness Center and have purchased gym memberships elsewhere.

Reid said he also has another gym membership, which he uses when the Recreation and Wellness Center is too busy.

The weight floor takes the biggest hit when it comes to overcrowding, Reid said. This is due to a limited number of machines coupled with an ever-growing student population.

"When you have 40,000 students, two squat racks and four benches, it's not going to go very far," he said.

Students' complaints, however, are being addressed.

A new addition to the Recreation and Wellness Center will open in the spring of 2011.

The new addition will include increased size of the weight and cardio floors, additional courts, an outdoor adventure

'When you have 40,000 students, two squat racks and four benches, it's not going to go very far.'

— JUSTIN REID
SENIOR, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

center and a racquetball court, according to Kimberly Halliday, a fitness coordinator at the Recreation and Wellness Center.

"Those things that we are getting are in response to student concerns and student needs," Halliday said. "So hopefully that's going to help alleviate a lot of the frustration that people experience in terms of wait times."

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International student enrollment will likely increase, according to an associate director at the International Services Center.

Customs adjust over time

FROM A1

ciation at UCF is an organization made up of students from all around the world.

According to the ISA Web site, the organization's goal is to serve as a support system to international students and to make them understand and blend into American culture.

Sophomore and ISA president Paulo Garcia said his mission is to help unify all cultures on campus as well as to promote the understanding and acceptance of different cultures.

When Garcia was in college in the Dominican Republic, he attended a college fair that featured representatives from UCF. He said he felt the urge to explore his creativity and was drawn to the digital media program at UCF.

Garcia attended an American school in the Dominican Republic, but he said he still faced culture shock when he arrived in the U.S.

"Being able to study at an American school back home prepared me to handle speaking English, but I was not ready to

handle how the dating scene worked and how rapid relationships are built and broken," Garcia said. "Another thing that blew my mind was the moment I heard an American casually burp out loud. I was astounded."

Andre Kressler, a senior accounting major, is the treasurer of ISA. He came to the U.S. as a high school exchange student from Germany at the age of 17 and lived with a host family in Alaska. Kressler became a cultural representative in the Germany Pavilion at Walt Disney World's EPCOT Park.

"I grew so attached to Orlando that, after I went back home, I knew it wasn't over, and I had to come back," Kressler said.

Kressler said he was always homesick, missed home-cooked meals and was often irritated with some of the customs he was used to back home in his country that were disregarded in America.

"The one thing that always got to me was how punctual we are in my country," he said. "In America, someone tells you to meet somewhere at 3 p.m., they are usually

half an hour late. In my country it is 3 p.m. on the dot. Another thing I had to get used to was when people say they will call you back and they don't. It has made me get used to when people politely say things and don't follow through with them all the time."

Graduate student Pranav Garg came from India for an internship during the summer of 2008 at the University of Massachusetts. After graduating with his bachelor's degree from India, he applied to UCF. He said he was excited by the latest technology being offered and about the the new medical school that was opening in the fall of 2009.

"It was obvious for me to get into a more specialized field at the graduate level," Garg said. "Molecular biology and microbiology provided me with that research-specific specialization."

Garg also experienced new customs.

"Baring few instances like time difference, culture, food, slang and paying tips at a restaurant, I generally feel comfortable about various customs here," Garg said.

Students should be aware of rental rules

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Not all textbooks will be available for rental at CB&S. The store's parent organization, the Nebraska Book Company, conducts research to determine their most widely used textbook titles to make available to students for rental.

"The list will change each semester based on adoption rates and various other industry factors," Hendrickson said.

Textbook rental Web sites such as Chegg.com

also offer discounted prices for semester rentals.

According to Tina Couch, vice president of public relations for Chegg, the Web site has saved UCF students more than \$424,348.

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"If students are familiar with Netflix, then they're familiar with Chegg," Couch said. "They just find their book, rent it for their term and return it in the orange box that it came in."

Whether students rent from Web sites such as Chegg or from bookstores such as CB&S, they should be aware of each

individual rental agreement.

If a student does not return a textbook to CB&S on time, the student will be charged the full price of the new textbook minus the rental fee, but there will be a penalty fee equal to 10 percent of the new book retail price, according to Hendrickson.

Chegg also charges replacement fees for books that are lost or stolen. According to the Chegg Web site, handwriting in rental books is not allowed. It is also at Chegg's discretion to decide if books have excessive handwriting or highlighting. If they do, a replacement fee will be charged.

"[Renting] would have to depend entirely on the class because there are still some textbooks that I like to keep for reference, even after the class is over," Marques said. "I can't say if renting textbooks is better than buying, but it's definitely nice to have that option available."



CB&S Bookstore offers select popular textbooks for rental. Renting the book costs about half of the price to purchase it outright.

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KENTUCKY FALLS IN FIRST GAME RANKED AS NO. 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Top-ranked Kentucky found out it's got some growing up to do. And college basketball will most likely find a new No. 1.

Devan Downey scored 30 points and South Carolina sent Kentucky to its first loss of the season 68-62 on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats (19-1, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) moved atop the rankings this week for the first time since 2003. They were cautioned by no less a fan than President Barack Obama earlier Tuesday to keep their focus and play with the same passion that brought them to the top.

The president or Kentucky didn't count on Downey, the SEC's leading scorer to break the 30-point mark for the fourth time in six league games for South Carolina (12-8, 3-3).

"This is what happens when you have young guys who think we're are going to win at the last minutes of the game," Kentucky coach John Calipari said.

It has been Wildcat youngsters such as John Wall and DeMarcus Cousins that have fueled the program's best start in 44 years. South Carolina showed there's still a place for a couple of smart, savvy senior guards such as Downey and Brandis Raley-Ross.

Raley-Ross had 17 points, the most he's scored in an SEC game this season as South Carolina won its third straight over Kentucky.

"Those guys are very talented," Downey said of the Wildcats. "But they're also freshmen and this was a hostile environment."

The president said as much earlier Tuesday when he called to congratulate the Wildcats on raising more than \$1 million to help earthquake victims in Haiti, reminding Kentucky that South Carolina was a difficult place to play.

Obama, though, also thought — like most everybody else who follows the game — that the Wildcats would have little trouble with undermanned South Carolina.

"Yeah, I'm aware of it, but I'm kind of scared to mention something about this president," Downey joked. "I don't want anybody knocking at my door. I don't have anything to say about Obama."

DeMarcus Cousins matched his career best of 27 points to lead Kentucky, which had been the nation's last unbeaten team.

Fans rushed the Colonial Life Arena floor when the buzzer sounded, Downey hugging whomever he could and screaming, "I told you so!"



TEBOW MAKING PROGRESS AFTER ROUGH PRACTICES

MOBILE, Ala. — Quarterback Tim Tebow showed progress on his second day of Senior Bowl practices even though he might have been "a little under the weather."

South team coach Tony Sparano of the Miami Dolphins says the former Florida star was a little more comfortable and got the ball out of his hand quicker on Tuesday. Sparano says that improvement shows how smart Tebow is and how quickly he processes information.

Senior Bowl spokesman Kevin McDermond said Tebow "might be a little under the weather," but added that he doesn't have strep throat as had been reported. Tebow hasn't missed any practice time Monday or Tuesday.

Tebow is trying to show NFL teams that he can be a pro quarterback during the week of practices, interviews and meetings leading up to Saturday's game.

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Terry Rooney went 22-35 in his first season at UCF but set many program firsts, including winning nine games in C-USA play.

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Rooney hopes to win conference, make postseason in second year

RYAN BASS
Sports Editor

Hanging on the wall, wedged between newspaper clippings and a team photo of the 2008 LSU College World Series team, is a blank plaque that symbolizes a goal UCF head baseball coach Terry Rooney's has.

It's a wooden frame that's etched on the sides and has a gold-plated tag on the bottom of it. On that plate lies what the blood, sweat and hard work will one day finally pay off for Rooney and his baseball program. It reads: "University of Central Florida, College World Series, Omaha, Neb."

That frame, the initials ORTO and the numerous posters and decorations around Rooney's office all exude the same message he sends through his team daily: that this program is "on the road to Omaha."

"This baseball program has taken on the mindset that we aren't going to back down from anybody," Rooney said. "We're not. I talk about Omaha and

PLEASE SEE **ROONEY** ON A7

Frowning on Tiger lacks historical perspective

Mention the name Ty Cobb to any casual sports fan and have them tell you the first thing that comes to mind.

Legend? Hall of famer? Best hitter ever?

Now do the same with Tiger Woods.

Scumbag? Homewreck-er? Golf's biggest villain?

Let's review: Which one was a notorious racist who intentionally spiked black players, once beat a groundskeeper close to death, choked a woman who intervened, but had a really high batting average?

And which one cheated on his wife but donated \$3 million to Haitian relief funds and has given financial aid to more than 10 million young people?

Let's give it up for perspective.

It's all well and good to be a little disgusted with Tiger's affairs. The whole situation is certainly embarrassing and damag-



MIKE BALDUCCI
Variety Editor

ing to a man whose reputation is built on mystery and perfection.

But let's be real here: We liked Tiger in the first place because he's got an uncanny ability to hit a ball into a cup in less strokes than anyone else alive.

Sure, we liked his attitude. We liked his determination and his infallibility. But none of us would care how nice a guy Tiger is if he played golf less like Jack Nicklaus and more like Gary Boyd.

It's hard to see a man who has revolutionized golf and been one of the most charitable athletes in sports history be vil-



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Tiger Woods has gone from being one of the most beloved athletes in the world to the butt of jokes around the nation.

lained and hated so vehemently for an issue that's not only way more common than we like to pretend, but also absolutely

none of our business.

Guys on the PGA Tour right now are exponentially scummier than Tiger ever will be. Look at John

Daly. Good ol' John Daly, the guy who could be your fat, jolly drinking buddy if

PLEASE SEE **TIGER** ON A7

Tiger has handled situation perfectly

FROM A6

the stars aligned.

The same John Daly who is an avid gambling addict, an alcoholic and was once charged with assaulting his wife. Where's the vitriol and hatred for Big John? Why have there been attempts to make monuments and memorials to Cobb? Why has Tiger's extramarital affair taken away his status as "hero" when there were so few to begin with?

I don't mean to sound like I'm going against the grain just for the sake of it, and I don't want to pretend like cheating on your wife is a great thing to do. All I ask for is perspective.

Tiger's done more for the world than any of us. He's given more money away than any of us have ever made in our lives. He's worked harder at being the best than any of us have ever worked at anything ever.

Cut him a break. He's handled the situation perfectly, and he has to deal with the embarrassment and loss of sponsorships on top of a forced hiatus from the career he loves, all because of marriage problems.

Spare him your claims of moral superiority. He's committed no crime, but the public jury has given him the death penalty.

Rooney: Goal is to win C-USA title

FROM A6

Omaha is a mindset that you have to believe that you are the best, and you have to believe you can beat the best. I believe that we are the best, and we are not going to back down from anybody in college baseball."

Rooney, who is entering his second season as the head coach of UCF, has confidence in the 2010 season, coming off a successful campaign his first season in Orlando. Under his guidance, the Knights captured many program firsts, including winning the most games in conference play since joining Conference USA (9), setting four attendance records, recording a program-record 68 home runs, all while capturing the highest team GPA in program history (3.2).

"Last year really was a great year," he said. "I call it a year of firsts. When people sit back and you just simply look at it statistically, a lot of people won't say that, but it is true."

Being a first-time head coach was an adjustment for Rooney, who spent the last 12 seasons as an assistant coach for six different Division-I programs. At LSU he was the pitching coach from 2007-08, and at Notre Dame he held the same position for three seasons prior to his stint with the Tigers. He had to learn how to delegate, something he said he learned from the amount of responsibility he was given from the past head coaches he's worked with.

"I was fortunate as an assistant coach to work for guys that gave me a lot of responsibility," said Rooney, who worked under



First-time head coach Terry Rooney spent 12 seasons as an assistant coach prior to taking the head coaching job at UCF. Most recently, he was a pitching coach at LSU and at Notre Dame.

coaching great Paul Mainieri at LSU, among others. "I did the recruiting, I did the scholarships, and I did the pitching, which when you do the pitching itself, it's like being the head coach of half of the team, so I was fortunate to work for a lot of guys that game me a lot of responsibility."

Rooney has always been known as one of the top recruiters in college baseball and this offseason was no different. He took on the responsibility of improving his team in the offseason, which included signing the No. 4 recruiting class in the nation, according to Collegiate Baseball. It is a class boasted by four players that were drafted in the 2009 MLB draft, but instead they decided to enroll at UCF.

"As a coaching staff, what we can sell is the tradition of this program in that we have been ranked in the top-10 in the coun-

try at one point, but you have a coaching staff that just built a team that went to the College World Series," Rooney said. "You have a coaching staff that has been there, and you have a coaching staff that has developed players that have reached the major leagues."

Seven of the Knights' nine potential starters on opening day will have been drafted by Major League teams. Which means there will be a learning curve for not just the players, but for Rooney as well.

"I think, as a head coach, I am going to have to exude a lot of patience," Rooney said. "This season, as talented as we are, it's going to take a little while to get the pieces to the puzzle going. I just use that because your experiences are what you are."

"Same thing happened our first year in LSU. We weren't

good, and the second year we brought in the No. 1 recruiting class in the country, and that year we went to Omaha, but we started out terrible ... it's possible something like that can happen here."

Rooney's ultimate goal is to take his team to college baseball immortality in Omaha, but the first step is winning the C-USA title. He wants his team to take a page out of the book of last year's Southern Miss team, who won the conference and got to the College World Series.

"I think we can put ourselves in position to compete for a Conference USA Championship, I really do," he said. "I think that once you put yourself in position to get to the NCAA postseason, then anything can happen in any given weekend in college baseball, and Southern Miss is proof of that."

Rooney knows the road to Omaha will be tough, but with solid returning players and a wealth of talent flowing into the program, he feels this year's team is getting closer to filling that wooden frame.

"You can't be judged on going to the College World Series," Rooney said. "There is a heck of a lot that it takes to get there, and there is a lot of luck involved. I am looking forward to this program to continue to climb up the ladder in college baseball, and we have an opportunity to get there, and I think we are close."

"I'll tell you this, we have 35 guys that believe it, there is no question about that. They hear it everyday from me, and they are going to play with that attitude and swagger."

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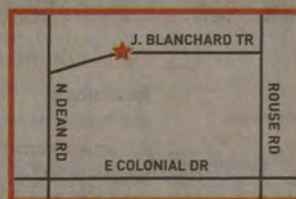
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Preview briefs

Men's basketball looks to rebound vs. Tulsa

Men's basketball

The UCF men's basketball team hosts conference-foe Tulsa on Saturday at the UCF Arena. The series between the two teams has been one-sided as the home team has won every contest. Coming off a 90-70 loss

on Jan. 16 in Tulsa, Okla., the Knights will look to hold serve on their home court.

The series as of late has had a flair for the dramatic in Orlando. The Knights won in triple overtime in 2007, in 2008, and on a buzzer-beating floater last

year by A.J. Rompza that gave the Knights a win. Tulsa holds the all-time series lead 5-3.

However, the Knights are not playing their best brand of basketball of late. Before Wednesday's game against SMU, the Knights had lost five of their past seven games.

Meanwhile, Rompza has hot the hot hand for the Knights. He's scored in double figures in each of the team's past six games, averaging 13.8 over that stretch.

Tuesday, Tulsa (16-4, 5-1 in C-USA) had its seven-game win streak snapped after losing 65-55 at No. 25 UAB.

Women's tennis

The UCF women's tennis team takes center court Friday when they host the Spartans of Michigan State.

The two teams have never met before, and the contest is set to give the Knights a true evaluation of where they state against a formidable Big Ten opponent.

Michigan State is 2-1 so far this spring. Sunday, the Spartans picked up wins against Detroit and Cleveland State.

The Knights then host the Florida Atlantic University Owls on Saturday, a team the Knights have had success against, posting a 20-11 all-time record.

The Owls have been swept 7-0 in both of their matches to open the spring.

Meanwhile, the Knights are coming off a 5-2 win over Florida Gulf Coast to open the spring season. The Knights swept all three doubles matches and picked up victories in four singles



UCF sophomore Alexis Rodriguez hits a volley in a match last spring. Rodriguez and freshman Jenna Doerfler took down Jessica Sweeting and Katharine Evans of Florida Gulf Coast 8-6 in doubles. As a team, the Knights defeated FGCU 5-2.

matches against FGCU.

Track and field

The women's track and field team picked up a third-place finish at the Carle/Health Alliance Classic in Champaign Ill., but head coach Caryl Smith Gilbert feels there is room for improvement.

"I am excited about a lot of the performances," Smith Gilbert said in a press release. "We had some breakthroughs in certain events, but we also had some disappointments."

The Knights will look to build on that success at the Rod McCravy invitational Friday and Saturday hosted by the Univer-

sity of Kentucky in Lexington.

UCF posted five second-place finishes at the Carle/Health Alliance Classic.

Women's basketball

UCF (4-11, 1-5 in C-USA) has struggled to regain its season-ending success of last year and has lost six of its past seven.

The Knights will have a chance to get back on the winning side of things when they host Tulane on Sunday.

The Green Wave (14-4, 3-2) have won five of their past seven games, while allowing just 57 points per game to their

opponents over that stretch.

The Knights are coming off a 77-67 loss to UTEP on the road, despite a 29-point performance by Chelsie Whiley.

Whiley hit seven 3-pointers and was 10 of 16 from the floor.

The Knights took the lead after trailing by three at the half but a 12-2 run by the Miners put UTEP up for good.

Junior Emma Cannon missed Sunday's game due to a violation of team policy, but a return date has yet to be determined. Cannon is averaging 13.1 points and 10.2 rebounds per game this season.

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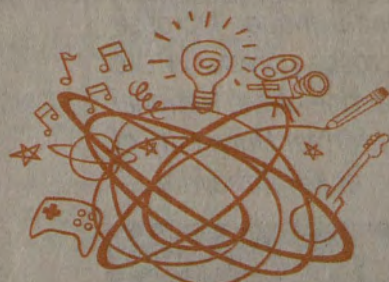
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Rapper Daniel 'DD' Wassef is signed to Kenneth 'KP' Peter's production label, RedDred Records. The duo caught the eye of FSU presidential hopeful T-Pain.

Alum works as musician, producer, T-Pain campaigner

NICOLE LAUBER
 Contributing Writer

In the summer of 2009, T.K. Wetherell, the former president of Florida State University, announced he would be stepping down from his position. A campaign to vote Tallahassee-native T-Pain as the new president of the university was launched via Facebook, and it took off.

Within 48 hours, Kenneth "KP" Peter — who graduated from UCF's

REDDRED RECORDS

UCF Connection: Kenneth Peter, UCF digital media alumnus

Claim to fame: Campaigned for T-Pain's FSU presidency

On the Web: mspace.com/reddredrecords

digital media program — and Daniel "DD" Wassef" put together a fully mastered rap and published the song to the "T-Pain for President of FSU" Facebook group.

T-Pain heard about the group, liked the song, and posted it to his MySpace, Facebook, and record label's Web site, Nappy Boy Online.

"Students made a

huge deal about it," Wassef said.

With the help of T-Pain, Peter is making his dreams come true through RedDred Records, the label formed by Peter and his two friends, Wassef and Erik Henkelman.

Peter and Wassef have known each other since elementary school and met Henkelman in high school. The trio formed a heavy metal

PLEASE SEE **FROM** ON A11

No more lonely Knights

A Hero's Fate is ready to tour the east coast

HEATHER DANESHGAR
 Contributing Writer

After conquering several Orlando venues, including The Social and AKA Lounge, UCF-affiliated A Hero's Fate will blaze its trail along several East Coast cities starting in February.

Lead vocalist Brian Frank (better known as B-Frank) performs a range of styles, from soft melodic verses to raging "screamo," against a crossfire of instrumentals from guitarists Blake Murphey and Johnny Stang, bassist Tim Petriella, and drummer Matthew Ouellette.

A Hero's Fate celebrated the release of its



A Hero's Fate has performed with pop-punk bands Oceana, Before Their Eyes, In Fear & Faith, and Ivoryline, and is set to begin touring in February.

debut album *Another Knight Alone* at Club Firestone on Jan. 12.

Ouellette, a senior creative writing major at UCF, joined the band in October 2007.

Central Florida Future: How did you meet the other members

of the band?

Matthew Ouellette: Actually, I met them on MySpace. When I moved down here from Connecticut, I put an ad up for a drummer, and they got back to me within

PLEASE SEE **A HAPPY** ON A10

THE MINOR FALL, THE MAJOR LIFT

Grammy voters gaga for the mainstream

In the world of the Grammy Awards, it is not uncommon to see slightly less-than-deserving artists get nominated for "outstanding achievements in the music industry." Of course, we all know that their "achievements" are really measured in terms of sales rather than actual musical talent and innovation. Nothing new there.

Judging by this year's nominees for record of the year — "Halo" by Beyonce, "I Gotta Feeling" by Black Eyed Peas, "Use Somebody" by Kings of Leon, "Poker Face" by Lady Gaga and



JENNIFER ROSS
 Columnist

"You Belong With Me" by Taylor Swift — apparently everyone's favorite jam to hear at the bar deserves the most prestigious music award in existence.

After this year's nominees were announced, I definitely empathized

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This entire industry is a hypocrisy and capitalizes on the fact that America as a whole is insecure and stupid and will pretty much buy anything, and that includes Dr. Phil's contrived answers to life's problems.

Want proof? The self-



AUSTIN FOWLER
Columnist

help industry nets an estimated \$10 billion a year. Ten billion dollars to tell you crap you should already know. Sounds like a pretty profitable business to get involved with, but I don't need \$10 billion. I'll do it for free.

The following are four

examples of self-help type commercials I would run to make the world a better place.

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If those commercials seem pretty condescending and in your face, it's because they are. Americans love to be insulted and degraded. What's the highest selling self-help brand on the market today? The "For Dummies" series. The product's target market is "dummies" and our nation just eats it up.

Our people love to be told they suck. Who am I to disappoint? You suck, America.

Hoping for a Swift comeback

FROM A9

with Josh Jackson, the editor-in-chief of *Paste* magazine, when he tweeted, "Grammy songwriting nomination for: 'You know that I could use somebody/Someone like you' (Sigh...)".

I get so frustrated every year because these awards just dumb the purpose of music down to something that makes people shake their ass in a club or roll their windows down at a stoplight so everyone next to them can admire their head-banging skills.

I'm not trying to suggest that Grammys only get awarded to undeserving artists or that the award show, "music's biggest night," isn't entertaining. I think we're all at least a little bit anxious to see what Lady Gaga has up her sleeve (or, should I say, sleeves) Sunday night. The Michael Jackson tribute, featuring Celine Dion, Jennifer Hudson, Smokey Robinson, Carrie Underwood and Usher, should be pretty epic as well.

As far as the actual awards go, I'm happy to see that bands such as MGMT, Silversun Pickups and The Ting Tings are finally getting some recognition, but I'm disappointed that it's coming from the "Best New Artist" category. This award should have been renamed "Best Not-So-New Artist That Finally Started Selling Records" a long time ago.

The "alternative" category boasts some



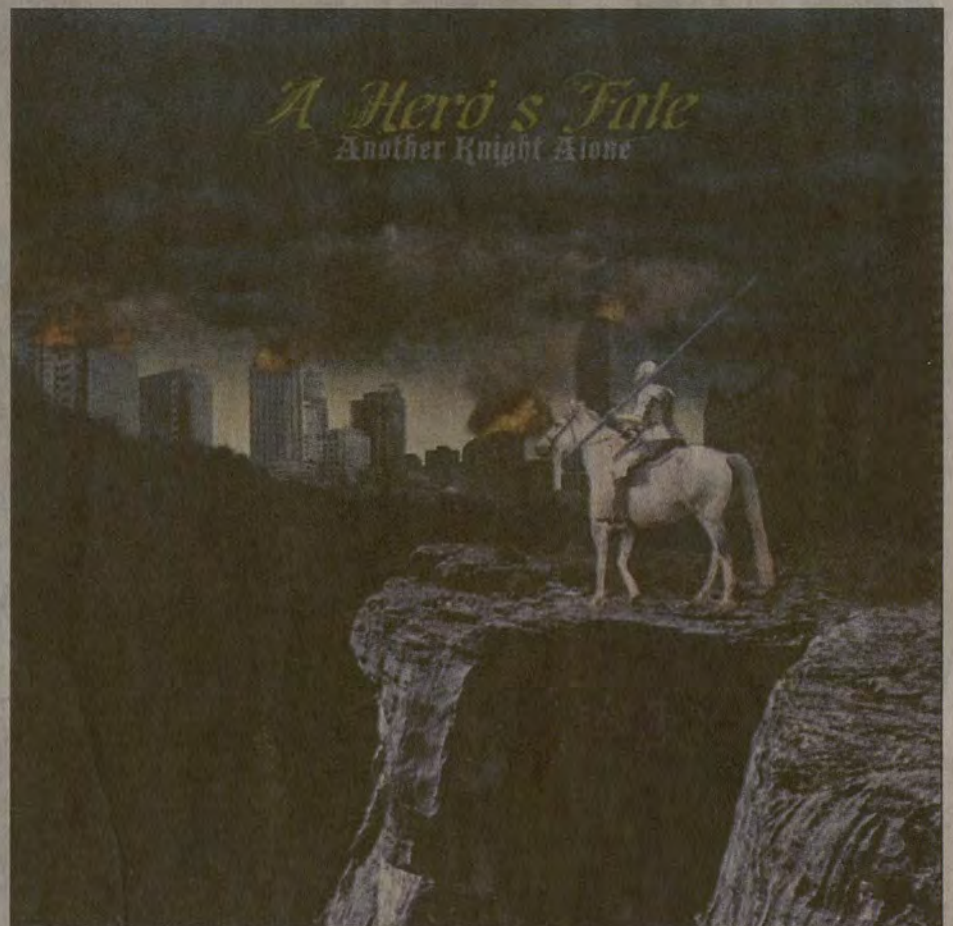
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Taylor Swift performs at 'Hope for Haiti Now: A Global Benefit for Earthquake Relief,' on Friday in Los Angeles.

fairly exceptional work from the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Phoenix and Death Cab For Cutie, but I've never really understood why "alternative music" is a genre in the first place. It's a little ambiguous and, as far as I can tell, all it really means is "stuff that's not on the radio."

It's times like these that I wish record companies would just cease to exist so that music and industry would never be seen in the same sentence ever again, but I know that will never be the case.

Although, I might let go of my bitterness a little bit if Taylor Swift interrupts a Kanye West acceptance speech with, "Yo Kanye, I'm really happy for you, and I'm gonna let you finish, but Jay-Z had one of the best rap songs of all time."



FROM A HERO'S FATE'S MYSPACE

A Hero's Fate's debut *Another Knight Alone* is a play on drummer Matt Ouellette's status as the only UCF student in the band.

A 'happy hardcore' message

FROM A9

A Hero's Fate

UCF Connection: Matt Ouellette, senior, creative writing major

Claim to fame: Played with Oceana, Ivoryline

On the Web: myspace.com/aherosfate

two days. They had been together the summer before.

C.F.F.: Are your band mates also UCF students?

Ouellette: No, I'm the only one. The title of our album is *Another Knight Alone*, which was inspired by a freehand sketch that I drew

of a horse with a knight on it, looking sad. We talked about it and ran with that concept.

Technically, I am the 'Knight Alone,' because I'm the only Knight in the band.

C.F.F.: How would you describe your music?

Ouellette: We like to think of it as "happy hardcore," trying to have a positive message conveyed through punk rock and hardcore music. Brian writes a lot on his own accord. He has notebooks upon notebooks just filled with thoughts that he jots down, so a lot of the song structure comes from that.

C.F.F.: Where have you performed?

Ouellette: We've hit most of the ones in Orlando. We've played at The Haven multiple times, Island Oasis, The Social, BackBooth, AKA Lounge and Rock Bar. We hit Firestone recently for the first time to celebrate our album release. That was a really good show. I would love for us to eventually perform at UCF.

C.F.F.: How do you juggle your responsibilities as a UCF student with being in a band?

Ouellette: I'm taking two online classes right now, so that gives me the freedom to go where I need to go. Taking creative writing workshops online can be a little tricky though. I also miss riding my bike around the beautiful UCF campus. That's one of the best things about being a Knight.

A Hero's Fate's next show is in Gainesville on Feb. 5 at 1982 Bar to kick off its spring tour, which takes the band all the way to Connecticut two days later.

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From heavy metal to Bone Thugs, 2Pac

FROM A9

band while at George Jenkins High School in Lakeland, but temporarily went their separate ways after graduation as Peter moved to Orlando, Wassef to Tallahassee and Henkelman to Tennessee.

“When I was in Tallahassee, I was still doing music with a group, but I decided I wanted to be a solo artist,” Wassef said. “I started working on that, and with Erik going to school for music business, we came together.”

Wassef and Henkelman knew they needed one more thing: a producer.

“I just fit perfectly into the equation,” Peter said. “I brought what they needed to the table, so the three of us were like, ‘All right, let’s make a team. Let’s start this label, let’s pursue this, let’s do this, and let’s make this happen.’ I come in and I bring what I have to offer, they bring what they have to offer, and now you see RedDred Records.”

Wassef is the only signed artist under RedDred.

He described his sound as a mixture of Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, Tupac, and Justin Timberlake, with a dash of Michael Jackson, but what Wassef said sets him apart from other up-and-coming artists is his lyrical content.

“I grew up listening to hip-hop music, and now it’s just talking about money, cars, clothes and how much can you brag,” he said. “I want to talk about stuff people can relate to.”

The label hopes to drop Wassef’s debut album, which he wants to sound exactly like his live show, in May. The plan is to start



Producer Kenneth 'KP' Peters, a UCF digital media alumnus, heads RedDred Records, a production company that's signed rapper Daniel 'DD' Wassef.

touring Florida by the summer.

One thing RedDred has always had is support from family and friends. Though people have told them to “go and get a real job,” Peter and Wassef recognize that perseverance is key for success.

“This is more than just a hobby,” Peter said. “It’s a passion, it’s our life and it’s our dream. When it becomes that, it pays to be a starving artist, as long as you’re happy doing what you’re doing.”



Peters shows off his production equipment. Peters' company RedDred Records produced a video to promote T-Pain's presidency of FSU.

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MOVIE TIMES



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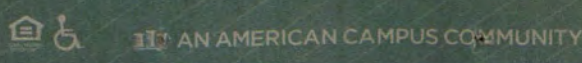


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OUR STANCE

PowerPoint alone misses the point

It is only the first month of the new semester, and we are already hearing students complain about going to class. It seems a bit soon for the excitement of learning to wear off.

We think the lack of spontaneity in the classroom could be aiding in the apathy prevalent among UCF students.

We are not downplaying the energy or effort professors put into devising their lesson plans. We understand there have been budget cuts and many professors feel overwhelmed by their large class sizes and lack of resources.

And because UCF professors have been gracious enough to keep teaching students despite the economic turmoil, we think they should utilize their freedom.

Even though they are free to teach students in any format, the yawn-inducing PowerPoint presentations have become the most popular way to communicate a message.

Professors are dimming the lights, bringing up the slides and lecturing for their class periods. Some do this every class period, except for the days when it is time for the students to display their equally boring presen-

tations.

No one enjoys this many PowerPoint presentations — not the student and not the poor professor who has to constantly type his or her interesting information into possibly the least creative outlet. Most presentations are just text, too. Sometimes, it feels as if you are looking at your book but on a large screen at the front of the classroom while your teacher reads aloud.

Professors, your classrooms should be dynamic centers of learning. You could use all of the high tech equipment the technology fees provide opposed to creating these presentations alone.

Think of all the papers you will be able to grade if you lessen your use of those presentations. Eliminating just two a month will allow you more time to seek out interesting ways of conveying course content.

One communications professor starts every class with a video clip. He does this for two reasons: to wake the students up by showing them something funny and to relate his content for the day in an interesting manner.

His system works, too. After the clip, he asks questions. The number of hands in the air is at least twice as

much as when he asks a question from the PowerPoint slides he shows later.

Another professor dedicates several class periods to discussions. At the beginning of the semester, he tells students that certain materials must be read by scheduled dates. Students are expected to comment on the reading two to three times during the class period. The entire class becomes an energetic discussion. If you engage in it, the professor's assistant makes note of your participation.

It is a pass-or-fail type of assignment that is worth 10 percent of the students' final grades. This process gives the professor time outside of the classroom to do something besides create a PowerPoint presentation while also making students participate in their education.

These are just two ways professors can make their classrooms more engaging and more successful.

The goal is to teach students as much as possible while they are under your supervision.

By varying your teaching method you will keep students interested.

Getting a little creative will make the classroom and the lives of both professors and students slightly less boring.



ZACH GREATHOUSE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Shack-a-Thon stands tall against criticism

It feels strange having to defend an event that does so much good for its community, but here we are, so let's make one thing clear:

To think a night of camping could help a person empathize with the families helped by Habitat for Humanity would be foolish. Surviving their hardships takes the strongest of characters.

The goal of Shack-a-Thon was never to simulate hardship. The goal is to create a positive environment where students can do something they are proud of while helping others and having a great time. By those standards, the event was a huge success. The volunteers built impressive shacks, ate delicious food, listened to great music and raised over \$5,000 in the process.

In misrepresenting the purpose of the event, "Leaving cheapens Shack-a-thon" also missed the significance of this campus-wide collaboration. Ten diverse student organizations participated. Greek, progressive, pre-professional, and honors groups all took part.

In its first year, it is already clear that Shack-a-Thon is an unparalleled opportunity for student groups to get positive exposure and do something for the Central Florida community. Isn't it beautiful when everyone wins?

It's also worth considering that this was the first time Shack-a-Thon has ever been held at UCF. There was no how-to manual for the team that planned the event

COLIN FORWARD
UCF Habitat for Humanity
Founder

from the ground up. The groups who were brave enough to participate couldn't be sure what they were getting into, but still managed to do fantastic jobs. The event will only get bigger and better as years go by.

Journalistic shortcomings aside, I'm perplexed by the *Central Florida Future's* stance that philanthropists should endure the suffering of their beneficiaries. This is particularly so after reading your comparison of Shack-a-Thon to Relay for Life. Now, I've only been to one Relay for Life, but I don't remember any volunteers being asked to go through chemotherapy.

You shouldn't have to feel homeless to help the homeless. Let's finish with the facts. The orders that volunteers couldn't sleep in the shacks came from UCF's Environmental Health and Safety office mere days before the event. Not to be discouraged, nine of the 11 teams slept on memory foam in tents. The teams that left didn't have a tent. They built all day, went home for dry clothes around 3 a.m. and came back for a 7 a.m. breakfast.

Alpha Xi Delta was the overall winner and deserves proper recognition. And it didn't rain, but your writers would know all of this had they attended the event. Don't diminish the efforts of so many people over false premises and misguided priorities. Instead, celebrate the success of Shack-a-Thon and the new Habitat campus chapter.

least they got people talking. Debating over the Internet has never gotten anyone anywhere, especially when you're an affiliated member. Goodbye.

—WAROFWORDS

I agree with you. While it's great that they raised money, leaving in the middle of it certainly cheapens the whole concept.

If they had kept the weather in mind, it probably wouldn't have been such a big deal and would have been a more legitimate and appreciated event, otherwise it's just another fundraiser.

—M

Go Habitat UCF and congrats on your fine efforts! I am so proud of all of those that donated time to unite the students and community. I am also glad that a responsible person made a good decision to send the students home. Job well done for all!

—MOM HUNNS

To be upset and take this article offensively is beyond immature. Have any of you ever read an op-ed in your life? Well, who am I kidding, probably not.

And most importantly, if you commenters are this impassioned about charities, perhaps go out and do something rather than sit and troll online?

—SHANNON

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READER VIEWS

Sponsor proud of event

I was a sponsor for the Shack-a-Thon event and to see this group of young people work so hard and raise that amount of money makes me proud to have helped in any way I could.

I do not understand why anyone would try to discredit the efforts they made and for taking their time to raise that money they did.

—KATHY COFFEY

This was and is for a good cause and giving them bad publicity is not only cruel of you, but also you may just be hurting the whole reason for the event in the first place: the needy.

As a sponsor, that was the most important objective to the Shack-a-Thon event, and I do not regret one bit being there to help. Were you out there raising money or just to throw someone under the bus?

Teams construct shacks to build Habitat homes

Such a great cause. Kudos on planning a worthwhile event that heightens awareness of one of society's biggest concerns. The future is looking brighter due to UCF students that care!!

—NANCYT.

You could feel the positive vibes radiating off all the students involved on Friday. This was truly a great success.

—SIERRA

Shackathon was an awesome experience and I am really excited too how much it grows in the coming years. :)

—CARA SMITH

Leaving cheapens Shack-a-Thon

It is hard for me to imagine that the donors for the first large philanthropic event that Habitat for Humanity has held on the UCF campus would feel anything other than proud and encouraged.

Perhaps you have never attempted to create an event of this magnitude, but what Habitat UCF has accomplished with this event is admirable.

They are a fairly new organization on

campus and have already had such an impact by bringing together so many other student organizations and raising an impressive amount of money for an honest and worthy cause.

I, myself, could not be more pleased to have been a part of this event and am disgusted that you would paint something so pure as students putting their hearts and souls into community outreach in such a negative light.

—COREY ANGLIN

GREAT JOB!! Raising \$5,511.11 Habitat UCF in your Shack-A-Thon.

To all of the outstanding students involved you should stay proud of a job well done!

—PROUD PARENT

It makes me laugh that all it took to drive out these "hard working driven volunteers" was some rain and a Florida cold front.

Put on a sweater and waterproof jacket and do what you said you would do, or you could always build your shack with Florida weather in mind and throw up a tarp.

Leaving a poorly constructed shantytown because it got kind of cold and wet is about as appropriate as holding an eating contest to raise awareness for the hungry...

—JOHN W.

Wow. I can't speak for everyone that

donated money or for those who donated mass amounts of food to those volunteering at Shack-a-thon, but I can speak for those who devoted countless hours into making this project a success and the purpose of this event was not to make volunteers suffer through the harsh realities of homelessness.

I mean, I could be wrong, but usually when one donates to a charity like Habitat for Humanity there aren't any underlying creepy hopes of making other people struggle and sleep outside in the cold; I think their intentions would be quite the opposite.

For the record an event like this takes months to plan and it would have been impossible to look up an accurate weather report that far in advance. Perhaps if UCF would have allowed us to stay over night in our shacks we could have suffered through the cold weather.

This event not only united students from different organizations at UCF but also brought people together from outside the UCF community to raise money and awareness for those who need our help.

Needless to say, I think that Shack-a-thon was totally awesome and I am incredibly proud of everyone who helped to make this event a huge success. Bam!

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through 9 with no
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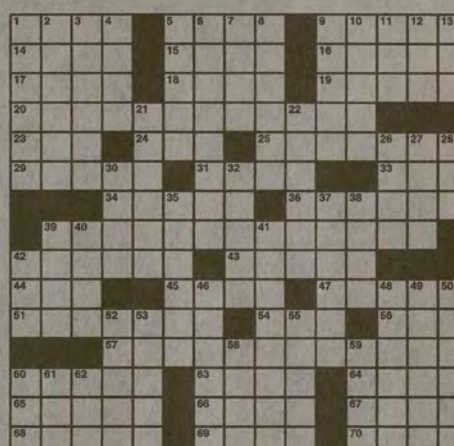
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1 Trip with much
hardship
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9 Bikini blast, briefly
14 Prefix with port
15 FAQ responses,
e.g.
16 Beistle
17 Send out
18 "Gosh darn it!"
19 Language that
gives us "floe"
20 Music lessons
for Bill Clinton?
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resistant metal
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33 An A will usually
raise it: Abhor.
34 Science opening?
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3 Alchemist's
creation
4 Hawk family bird
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6 Of one mind
7 Aptly named
shaving lotion
8 Became
unhinged
9 Capital on the
Red River
10 Gov't security
point
11 Otolologist's
concern
12 Org. dodged by
draft dodgers
13 Driver's starting
point
21 Take down
22 Did a laundry
chose
26 "a Kick Out of
You," Cole Porter
27 "daisy!"
28 Welcome spot
30 "What You Need"
band
32 Carryalls
35 Lacking capacity
37 2002 movie with
Manny the
Mammoth
38 Newspaper
column, esp.
lately
39 Bold Ruler, to
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41 Schedules of
problems to be
dealt with
55 "Give it ___!"
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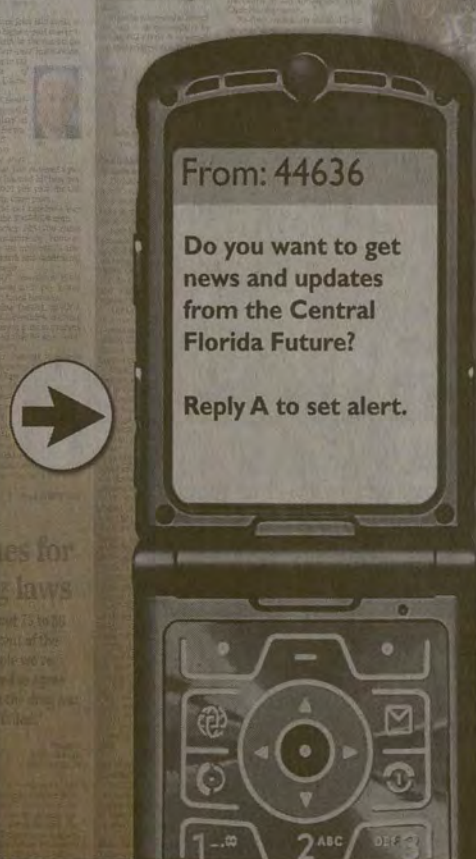
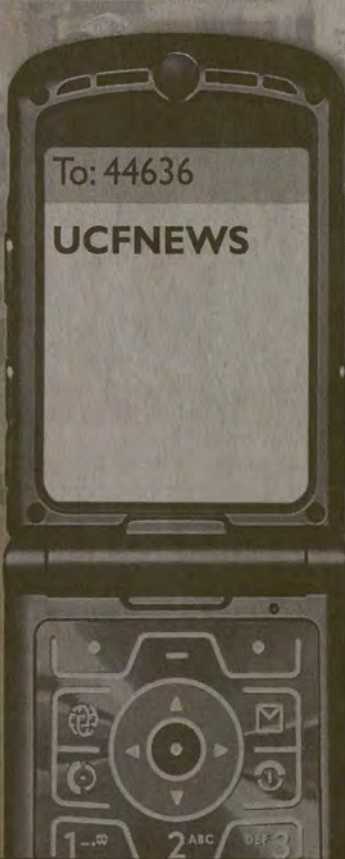
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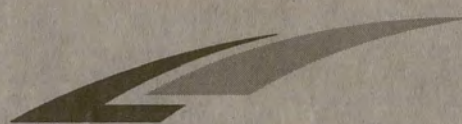
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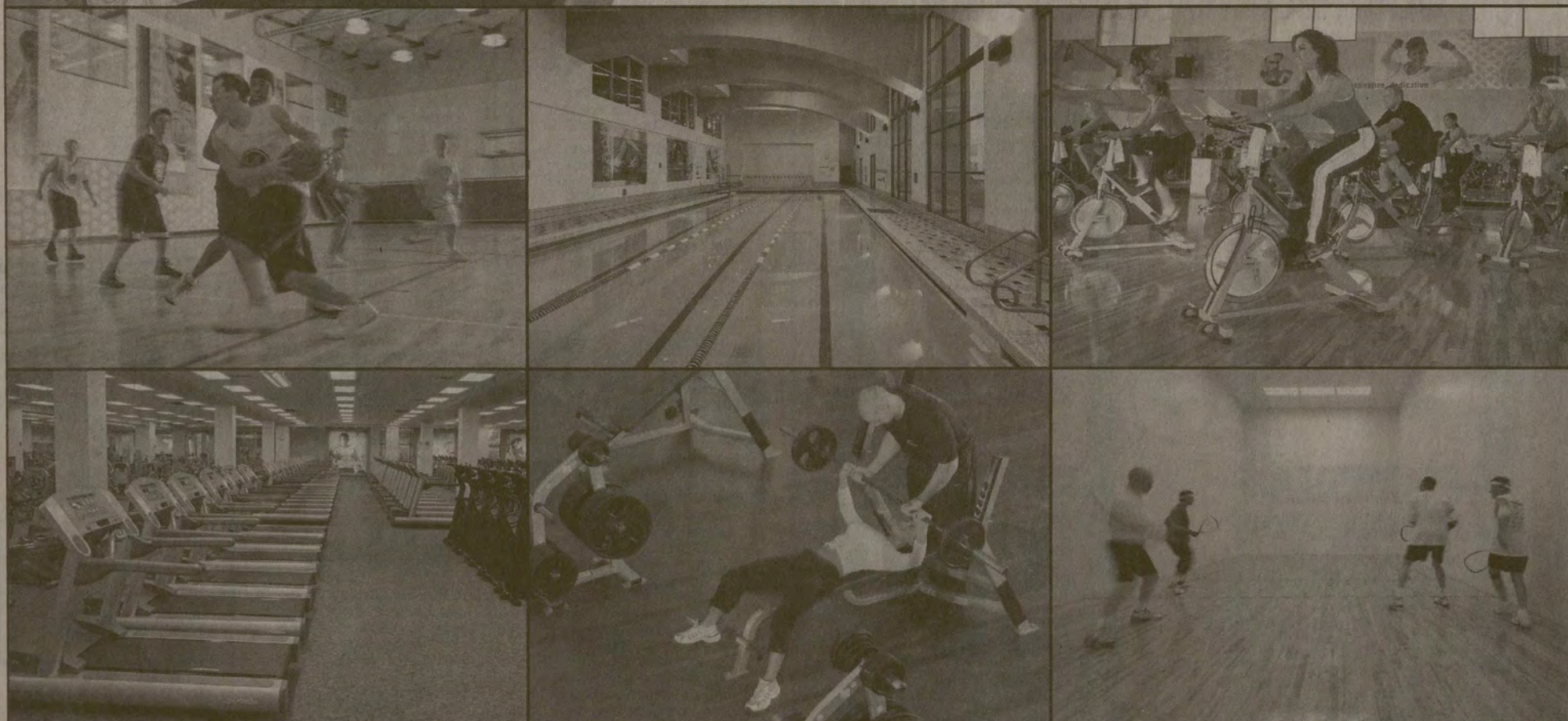
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